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Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-22, 26-29, and 32-93 are pending. Claims 23-25 and 30-31 are cancelled. Claims 83-93 are new. Claims 1, 4, 7, 11, 15, 27, 38-43, 51, 71, and 81 have been amended.

Claims 1-22, 26-29, and 32-93 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the amendments made to the claims filed 2/14/08 overcome the prior art and upon further search and consideration no other prior art anticipates or suggests fairly the combination of structural elements as instantly claimed. More specifically, the closest prior art of record fails to teach the claimed invention of a drum type washing machine comprising at least a tub, drum, shaft, bearing housing, rotor, stator and stator fastening part, wherein a surface of the tub rear wall is between the stator and a stator fastening part, in combination with at least the claims of the respective independent claims 1, 4, 7, 11, 15, 27, 38, 41-43, and 51.

Also, in accordance with the discussion between Examiner Rita Patel and Yong Choi (Applicant's representative) in the Interview filed 12/20/07, amendments were made to the claim to further distinguish the relationship between the stator fastening part and the bearing housing, and hereby overcoming the prior art of record.

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Conclusion

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